



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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July 15, 2004

Technology Center 2600

Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2004, the Applicant hereby requests amendment of the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 5, 7-9 without prejudice and amend the

claims as follows: